

Preliminary Amendment
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IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the Title of the Invention on page 1, line 2, as follows:

IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS WITH A SUBSTITUTE RECORDING MEDIUM FOR AN UNAVAILABLE RECORDING MEDIUM AND METHOD THEREOF, IMAGE FORMING METHOD AND COMPUTER-READABLE STORAGE MEDIUM

Before “Background of the Invention” on page 2, line 1, please insert the following:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation application of and claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120 to U.S. application serial no. 10/023,707, filed December 21, 2001, and in turn claims priority to Japanese patent applications no. 2000-391315, filed December 22, 2000, and no. 2001-380453, filed December 13, 2001, the entire contents of each of which are hereby incorporated herein by reference.

Please delete the original Abstract of the Disclosure on page 56, line 1-prenumbered line 10, in its entirety and insert the following:

ABSTRACT

Methods and apparatuses for forming images on recording media of different sizes are provided. The image forming procedure may include reading setting information which includes the size of a substitute recording medium for each user from a memory and, when the size of the recording medium specified by the print instruction is not available, executing a print instruction by automatically changing the size of a recording medium to be used to the

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size of the substitute recording medium based on the setting information. Additional computer-readable storage media storing image forming procedures are also provided.